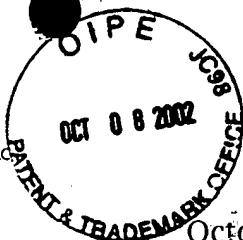




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Re: Application of Takashi ECHIGO and Ritsuko OHNO  
COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING A POROUS ARTICLE AND  
USE THEREOF  
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.  
Our Ref: Q54629

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/319,384 filed on June 4, 1999 of Takashi ECHIGO, Ritsuko OHNO entitled COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING A POROUS ARTICLE AND USE THEREOF.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1651.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on August 13, 2002 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date
Japan	8-327252	December 6, 1996
Japan	9-142386	May 30, 1997

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/319,384.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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The application is timely filed.



Respectfully submitted,

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